IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Attorney Docket No. 03248.00041)

In re U.S. Patent Application of Vaidyanathan, et al.)
Application No.: 10/038,398) Group Art Unit: 3774
Filed: January 2, 2002) Examiner: Ann M. Schillinger
For: Compositions and Methods for Biomedical Applications) Confirmation No. 8382

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 9, 2007, in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response is due on or before January 9, 2008, and this Response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in the Office Action and allowance of the pending claims, in view of the arguments below.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.